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Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, I am pleased to provide you with updated information from the Provincial Government's Department of Transportation and Works regarding the timelines for anticipated work at the Bishop Feild Elementary building on Bond Street. As you know, after safety concerns were realized in October 2017, students and staff were moved to an alternate location to allow for the completion of a proper site review and subsequent repairs to the structure.

The Department advises that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services related to the rehabilitation design on the building has been issued and is scheduled to close on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Additionally, the first tender has been issued for the demolition of the remaining plaster ceilings, with a closing date scheduled for September 7, 2018. The closing dates for both projects may be subject to extension if changes or additions to the tender are necessary.

The District also wishes to inform the school community of a leak which occurred in the past week. A roof drain separated during heavy rains on Wednesday evening (August 15) and covered the gym floor with water. The water has since been cleaned up and dehumidifiers are in place to take the excess moisture from the hardwood. Gym floor refinishing, if required, will be added to the scope of repairs before the students return to the building.

The District has also recently advised the school administration and school council chair of the necessary removal of a number of large trees from the property. The trees, directly adjacent to the school structure, must be removed to facilitate the necessary repairs and to ensure there is no further damage to the school (e.g., root systems compromising the foundation).

As you know, Bishop Feild students are returning next month to the former School for the Deaf on Topsail Road to begin the 2018-19 school year. As previously communicated, student transportation (busing) will continue to be provided. Routes and busing information are available on the school profile page from the District website, here: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolprofile.jsp?id=215>

The Provincial Government, through the Department of Transportation and Works, will continue to oversee the project, working in partnership with the District and any contractors engaged to complete the work. As the tender process unfolds, and work proceeds, the District remains committed to ensuring the school community is updated with the latest information.

Sincerely,



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